

Claims

- [c1] A device for allowing secure identification of an individual when accessing information comprising:
a serial bus port ;
a controller coupled to the serial bus port; and
a storage medium coupled to the controller; the storage medium including security information which can be accessed by the controller.
- [c2] The device of claim 1 wherein the serial bus port comprises any combination of a firewire port, USB port or an infiniband port.
- [c3] The device of claim 1 in which the storage medium comprises a memory.
- [c4] The device of claim 1 in which the security information comprises a plurality of levels.
- [c5] The device of claim 4 wherein the plurality of levels comprises any combination of a level for providing the identity of the individual; a level for identifying a unique identifier for the device; and a level for indicating where the device has been used.
- [c6] The device of claim 4 wherein the plurality of levels comprises any combination of a first level for providing the identity of the individual; a second level for identifying a unique identifier for the device; and a third level for indicating where the device has been used.
- [c7] The device of claim 5 wherein the identity of the individual being provided access is via a password.
- [c8] The device of claim 5 wherein the identity of the individual is provided via biometric information.
- [c9] The device of claim 4 wherein the plurality of levels are tamper proof.
- [c10] The device of claim 1 wherein the security information can be enhanced or modified by downloading data to the device.

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- [c11] A system for allowing for secure identification of an individual when accessing information comprising:
a central hub;
a plurality of key touchpoints coupled to the central hub; and
at least one device coupled to at least one of a plurality of key touchpoints, the at least one device comprising a serial port ; a controller coupled to the serial port; and a storage medium coupled to the controller; the storage medium including security information which can be accessed by the controller.
- [c12] The system of claim 11 wherein the serial bus port comprises any combination of a firewire port, USB port or an infiniband port.
- [c13] The system of claim 11 wherein each of the last one touchpoints comprises a personal computer.
- [c14] The system of claim 11 in which the storage medium comprises a memory.
- [c15] The system of claim 11 in which the security information comprises a plurality of levels.
- [c16] The system of claim 15 wherein the plurality of levels comprises any combination of a level for providing the identity of the individual; a level for identifying a unique identifier for the device; and a level for indicating where the device has been used.
- [c17] The system of claim 15 wherein the plurality of levels comprises a first level for providing the identity of the individual; a second level for identifying a unique identifier for the device; and a third level for indicating where the device has been used.
- [c18] The system of claim 16 wherein the identity of the individual is provided access via a password.
- [c19] The system of claim 16 wherein the identity of the individual is provided via biometric information.
- [c20] The system of claim 15 wherein the plurality of levels are tamper proof.

[c21] The system of claim 11 wherein the security information within a device can be enhanced or modified by downloading data to the device.

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